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**WHAT ABOUT C.S. LEWIS?**

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Was he a true “born again” believer? Should Christians read his books? In case you are not informed, C.S. Lewis was an atheist who turned to Christianity as the answer to the issues of life. However, he reasoned his way to “faith” which is not Bible faith. Here is a quote from his book, *Mere Christianity*. Note how he says one becomes a Christian: “I am not asking anyone to accept Christianity if his best reasoning tells him that the evidence is against it... Now faith... is the art of holding onto things your reason has once accepted...” p.121. That is not Bible faith! How does one become a Christian? Lewis says, “There are three things that spread the Christ life to us: baptism, belief and that mysterious action which different Christians call by different names - Holy Communion, the Mass, the Lord’s Supper.” That is rank heresy - salvation by works. Here are some other serious heresies, found in this book, which reveal this man was not a Bible believing Christian. He taught where there are different beliefs, Christianity is not necessarily always right. He believed in universalism, saying that a man who never heard of Christ may also be saved (Billy Graham, Pope John Paul II have since said the same thing), that other religions lead to God and all would eventually be saved. Here are his own words: “There are people in other religions...who thus belong to Christ without knowing it.” In *Christianity*, (12/20/63) Dr. W. Schrader, an enthusiast of Lewis’ answered questions by Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones. Schrader said, “Lewis would never embrace the fundamentalist view of the Bible. He would accept no theory of ‘total depravity.’ Lewis was a beer drinker, and I have it on good authority that he was a heavy beer drinker and he was strongly addicted to the weed and was never seen without his pipe. Lewis also held to pluralism of all religions (all religions lead to God.)” *FBIS* (12/20/05) stated: “Lewis lived for thirty years with Janie Moore, a woman 25 years his senior to whom he was not married...Moore was separated from her husband... At age 58 Lewis married Joy Gresham, an American woman who pursued a relationship with Lewis while she was still married to another man.” In *The Berean Call* (2/93), Dave Hunt was asked how he could support Lewis when he had so many heresies. Hunt acknowledged the following of him: “Lewis, though an Anglican, leaned toward the Roman Catholic Church (Ed. When dying, he asked for a priest to give him the last rites), rejection of the literal resurrection of the body, he affirmed that we are to become gods and supported theistic evolution.” In the light of such ungodliness (God’s Word says, “*If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”) how could this man be a genuine Christian? He held many grave heresies; one wonders how any serious believer in Jesus Christ could accept this man as a true child of God. In 1999 J.I. Packer, a leading New Evangelical wrote in *Christianity Today*: “C.S.Lewis today is beloved of Evangelicals.” Then, he said: “By ordinary evangelical standards, his idea of the Atonement (archetypal penitence) {*penance-to do something to pay for your sin*}, rather than penal substitution {*one paying for another's sin*}, and his failure ever to mention justification by faith when speaking of the forgiveness of sins, and his apparent hospitality to baptismal regeneration, and his non-inerrantist view of biblical inspiration, plus his quiet affirmation of purgatory and of the possible final salvation of some who have left this world as nonbelievers...” Yet Packer closes the article saying: “He was a Christ-centered, great tradition, mainstream Christian.” Unbelievable!  
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## CORNERSTONE NEWS

**BIBLE SCHOOL SOCIAL.** This is always a great time of blessing and fellowship. It is a time when the whole family can enjoy an evening together. We hope that you will join us *Friday, Feb. 3, 2006 - 7:00 PM.*

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### **TO PRAYER MEETING I GO!**

When Prayer Meeting comes and I'm weary and worn,  
With the devil at once conversation is born;  
He says, "You poor child, note how weary you are,  
I'm afraid that your health isn't up to par:  
But I don't let him trick me - his wiles I have learned.  
So, if I'm able to work - to Prayer Meeting I go!

But when next week arrives, and Prayer Meeting calls,  
His argument nearly my courage appalls.  
For he calls to my mind that most others don't go,  
And respect unto person the Lord doesn't show.  
So, why can't I too, avoid dampness and cold -  
But I tell him again - I shall go as of old.

But he tells me of pains, and tells me of age;  
He quotes to me sinner, professor, and sage.  
He says there are many - they do not need me,  
Or else there aren't any - alone I would be.  
But one thing the Lord and the devil both know -  
If I am able to work, to the Prayer Meeting I go.

For I don't go by feeling or fancy or fate,  
But by habit of life and just knowing the date.  
And if you don't see me when Prayer Meeting comes,  
I will not be home resting, or doing my sums;  
I'll be out of town, or ill you may know -  
For if I can work, to the Prayer Meeting I go. -Anon.

**(From p.1).** We're not bigoted! We are called to "*earnestly contend for the faith...*" We are also commanded to "*Preach the Word; be instant in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.*" (II Tim.4:2,3). Christianity is not an old shoe that fits every foot. Regardless what men think, salvation is based on what the Bible says; one cannot deny or twist vital truths and be a child of God. Just one example: You can't deny bodily resurrection and be saved; it is vital to the Gospel. I Corinthians 15:3 & 4: **"For I delivered unto you first of all** (pg. 3)

## YOUTH CORNER

### **THE SPEED OF SOUND AND TEENAGERS.**

Some one has said that sound really does travel slower than light. The advice parents give to their teenagers doesn't reach them until they are about forty. The Bible says, "**Children obey your parents...**" You may think that they are old-fashioned, and that you know a lot more than they do - *but you are wrong!* There's a whole lot to be said for experience, and that is something young people have very little of. I was speaking to some young people recently and I said, "Only a fool makes all the mistakes in life himself. The wise person will learn from others and avoid a great deal difficulty and grief." The Word of God says, "**...let every man (that includes young people) be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.**" God gave us two ears and one mouth; it seems He wants us to listen twice as often as we speak. Try it; you will save yourself a lot of trouble!

### **SOME CHOICE WORDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Many young people are spending a great deal of time on how to make a living, but few know how to make a life.

The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and miss, but that our aim is too low and we reach it. - Copied.

Every boy has two jobs. One is being a boy. The other is growing up to be a man! -Herbert Hoover.

Do not be like a wheelbarrow which has to be pushed all the time and is easily upset.

### **TOP TEN REASONS WHY I NEVER WASH!**

Substituting "wash" for "attend church" puts the following oft used excuses for failure to go to church in a much different perspective:

10. I was forced to wash as a child.
9. People who wash are hypocrites - they think they are cleaner than everyone else.
8. There are so many different kinds of soap; I can't decide which one is best.
7. I used to wash but I got bored and stopped.
6. I only wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
5. None of my friends wash.
4. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier.
3. I can't spare the time.
2. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter nor cool enough in the summer.
1. People who make soap are only after your money.

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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**that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”** Rom. 10:9 also says that belief in the resurrection is necessary for salvation. **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”** Resurrection of the dead is an essential doctrine. Jesus said, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day.”** John 6:44. See also I Cor.15:21-26, 42-57; I Thess.4:13-18.

Lewis has become even more popular with the movie version of *The Chronicles of Narnia*. It has been heralded by many New Evangelical and other *Christians* as a wonderful thing, for it is getting the gospel to the masses (they say). But is it really promoting the Gospel? Lewis didn't seem to know the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Is the Gospel of God to be promoted with witches, the occult, etc.? I don't have space to go into it here, but much in Lewis's stories can also be found in most of the imagery in the accounts and myths in ancient religions. There is the worship of the sun which was universal in the mystery religion emanating of Babylon. Here are a few quotes from some who were involved in the movie version. This is taken from *Religion Today* (11/21/05), “The cast and the crew of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, are down playing the significance of Christian symbolism in the movie version of C.S. Lewis' novel. ‘Faith is in the eye of the beholder,’ said actress Tilda Swinton, who plays the white witch, Jadis. ‘You can make a religious story out of anything if that's what you're interested in.’ She described the themes of the story as more ‘classical’ than overtly Christian, saying, ‘It feels like an ancient myth.’ Director Andrew Adamson said it is ‘open to the audience to interpret,’ citing resurrection simply as a theme common to the fantasy genre, as in *Matrix* and *Star Wars*. Author Philip Pullman says, ‘If Disney Corporation wants to market this film as a great Christian story, they'll just have to tell lies about it.’” Lon Allison, director of Illinois' Billy Graham Centre: “We {still} believe that God will speak the gospel of Jesus Christ through this film.” Why not, Graham believes some of the same things as Lewis; that people who never even heard of Christ may be saved through Him. We are living in the end time - a time in which almost any thing will pass for Christianity! God says, **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”** I John 4:1. God says, **“Be not deceived...”**

**THE SPIRIT OF HOMOSEXUALITY!** The following took place here in Boston. I never heard about it until I read it in *The Berean Call* (11/05). Tremont Temple Baptist Church (American Baptist Convention) held a meeting (10/29/05) on recovering from Homosexuality. The program included testimony from some who have turned from homosexuality to heterosexuality. It included themes such as theology, relationships and information for those struggling with homosexuality. This Church is on a main street in downtown Boston. Outside the Church, homosexual activists gathered before 8 am. and stayed until the conference was over in the evening. They were joined by others as the day wore on. They harassed and intimidated the attendees, yelling and screaming. They brought in a sound truck that disturbed the meeting and blocked traffic. According to the Boston police, they did not have a permit to demonstrate (which is required). The Boston police stood by and allowed the demonstrators to do as they pleased. There were no arrests, despite the near riot behavior and disregard for the law. Rather than stop them, the police were friendly to them and even directed traffic for them. In the Boston media over the following days, all that could be found was two lines on page B6 of the Boston Globe (Boston's leading paper - ultra liberal). The other leading paper, the Boston Herald, did not mention it at all nor did any other media. Can you imagine the coverage if the homosexuals were holding a meeting and heterosexuals protested? Not long ago this happened in Philadelphia at a homosexual event where some Christians protested peacefully, and were taken off to jail and charged with crimes (later dropped). The homosexual crowd is very cordial and peace-loving when they are having their way but just confront them and see what happens!

**COURT SAYS ATHEISM IS A RELIGION!** A federal court of appeals has ruled in favor of a prison inmate who said his rights were violated when the prison officials refused to allow him to create a study group for atheists. The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that prison officials erred because “they did not treat atheism as a religion.” In 1961 the Supreme Court said a religion need not be based upon the belief in a supreme being.- *Religion Today* (8/23/05). Ed. This is too ridiculous to need comment. The dictionary says that religion is “belief in and reverence for a super natural power.” How often the courts have denied the rights of true religion and now they validate that which is no religion. Does one have to be a little unbalanced to be a judge? It sort of seems that way.

## THAT OLD-TIME RELIGION

Are there any Fundamental Baptists in America who know anything about the following. These words were found on the wall of a young Pastor in Africa: "I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, or meander in the maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me-my banner will be clear."

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## A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT

Many think if one does the best he can, if he does more good than bad, he'll make it to Heaven. If one is a *good person on the whole* he'll make it. This is the belief of multitudes. There was a farmer to whom that seemed right. He said, "I try to do good, I pay my debts, etc. Sometimes I may swear or get angry but *I am doing pretty well on the whole.*" One day he hired a Christian carpenter, whom he knew, to build a fence around his pasture. "Build the fence securely, perfectly," he instructed. Upon completion of the job the farmer asked, "Is the fence good and strong; totally secure?" The man replied, "I cannot say that it is perfectly secure all around, but it is a good average fence *on the whole.* I may have left a little gap here and there, but I made up for that by strengthening other parts. I would say that *it is a good fence on the whole.*" The farmer cried: "Do you mean to tell me you built a fence with little gaps here and there? That fence must have no weak places or my cattle will get out! That fence must be perfect or it is worthless." The Christian replied, "I used to think so too, but I heard you talk so much about averaging things out with the Lord, and being *pretty good on the whole,* I thought if it was good enough for your soul it would be good enough for a fence." The Bible says, "**There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.**" Prov. 14:12. It doesn't matter what you think! It may sound reasonable to you, but God requires perfection! That is why He sent His sinless, perfect Son, Jesus Christ to die for your sins. You must put your confidence in Him - not yourself. "**Believe of the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" Acts 16:31.